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In re Application of
WHITLEY, Tony
Application No.: 09/486,315
PCT No.: PCT/GB97/02226
Int. Filing Date: 20 August 1997
Priority Date Claimed: None
Attorney Docket No.: 5496-00400
For: COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND
METHOD FOR LOCATING STORED
ENTRIES IN AN ELECTRONIC
TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

DECISION ON
RENEWED PETITION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)

This decision is in response to the applicant's "Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(b)" ("Ren.Pet.") filed 18 July 2001.

BACKGROUND

On 14 July 2001, a decision dismissing applicant's petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) was mailed. The petition was dismissed because applicants failed to meet the requirements of items (2) and (5) of 37 CFR 1.47(b). All other requirements were satisfied. Applicant was given two-months to respond.

On 18 July 2001, applicant filed the instant renewed petition which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, a declaration executed by the sole inventor, Tony Whitley and a five-month extension and fee.

DISCUSSION

In the renewed petition, applicant included an executed declaration signed by the sole inventor, Tony Whitley. The declaration complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b). Petitioner states that "all of the requirements for entering the U.S. national stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 have been met." Ren. Pet. ¶ 1.

DECISION

Since the nonsigning sole inventor has executed the declaration, the petition filed under 37 CFR 1.47(b) is dismissed as MOOT.

Applicants have completed the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371(c). The application has an international filing date of 20 August 1997, under 35 U.S.C. 363, and a 35 U.S.C. 371(c) date of **18 July 2001**.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Division of the Office of PCT Operations for continued processing.



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